

Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority



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JUNE 26, 2003 MINUTES

The fourteenth meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority was held June 26, 2003 at California State University Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Student Union Building, Alhambra Room A & B, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson William T Fujioka called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum of the Authority:

William T Fujioka, Chairperson, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, County of Los Angeles
Dr. Steven N. Garcia, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Cal State Los Angeles

APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Director Baca, seconded by Director Garcia, the Authority unanimously approved the April 24, 2003 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Fujioka reported that Chief Bratton was unable to attend due to an officer fatality that occurred the previous night. David E. Janssen was also unable to attend.

STAFF REPORTS OF THE INTERNAL PLANNING UNIT

Patrick J. Mallon, Project Coordinator, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, updated the Authority on the following actions as of June 26, 2003:

- The Joint Powers Authority amendment approved at the March 6, 2003 meeting was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on May 27, 2003, and the Mayor of Los Angeles City executed the approval on June 6, 2003. Both documents were conveyed to the State on June 11, 2003.
- The Ground Lease, approved in form at the April 24, 2003 meeting was approved and executed by California State University, Los Angeles on June 11, 2003 and conveyed to the State on that same day.
- Subleases for the County, City and University approved by the Authority at the April 24, 2003 meeting were approved and executed by the County Board of Supervisors on May 27, 2003, the City approved the sublease on May 27th and executed the document on June 6, 2003, and the University's sublease was executed on June 9, 2003.

- Assignment of the Architect and Engineering, and the Construction Management Services contracts was executed by the California Department of General Services on May 15, 2003. Fields Devereaux received its contract on June 19th and Jacobs received its contract on June 23rd.
- Of the estimated four million dollars conveyed to the Authority by the State, the Authority has \$3,997,000 in contracts. The State has approved the transfer of the Jacobs Facilities Contract and the Fields Devereaux Harley Ellis Contract to the Public Works Board. The remaining \$187,000 will be retained by the Authority for the purchase furnishings for the laboratory.

Chairperson Fujioka inquired about the projected funding by the State in regards to the budget situation in Sacramento. Mr. Mallon reported that both the State Public Works Board and the Pool Money Investment Board have approved the project. The Pool Money Investment Board will provide the funding for the construction by the sale of 50% of the bonds through the construction phase.

Project Update. Jim Hall, Project Director, Jacobs Facilities Inc., reported that:

- The State Public Works Board will require the working documents prior to the issuance of funds for construction.
- The schedule had been revised to reflect the collaboration among the State, the Architect and the Project Team.
- ADA compliance is the next major point which is a two month process, and they are working with the State to mitigate the matter.
- Construction is scheduled to begin September 2004 with an occupancy date tentatively scheduled for March 2006.
- The County Department of Public Works will present a letter to the Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2003 to resolve any quitclaim issues.
- The Los Angeles City's Department of Water and Power issued a letter of intent to issue a quitclaim. The State requested that the formal process be completed and it is targeted for the middle of August.
- The City Public Works' quitclaim was approved; Pacific Bell's quitclaim was completed and received and Southern California Gas's quitclaim is being processed.
- The University will be sending a letter stating that none of the site property was transferred to another entity.
- The State will prepare a project manual and authorize the installation of a web cam.
- Site trailers will be set up on the north end of the lot at the end of this year or the first of next year.

Architectural & Engineering. Steven Lopez, Project Architect, Fields Devereaux Harley Ellis (FDHE), reported that:

- FDHE conducted meetings and workshops with representatives from each agency in developing the "LEED" sustainable design criteria required by the State.
- The State Fire Marshall review process will be actively pursued to mitigate delays. FDHE held meetings with the inspectors of the Los Angeles City Fire Department to review the preliminary plans.
- FDHE will assist the State Project Manager in developing a liaison with the State's Division of State Architects who will perform the accessibility review.
- FDHE conducted equipment planning activities including inventorying and cataloging existing equipment; and coordination and design layout of information and computer systems for the joint use by the University, LAPD and LASD.

- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems development continues.
- The continued development of design was consistent with the approved schematic design with few substantive changes fitting the estimated contingencies for the project. Changes included three technical items: upgrading the copper piping; using larger sized piping to lower the flow rate to the pumps; and adding fume hoods, exhaust ducts, etc. to meet the scientific need.

Director Baca inquired about the changes to the firing range. Mr. Lopez reported that the design structure of the firing range and the safety issues were discussed with LASD and LAPD firearms personnel. The water firing tanks will be housed in four separate rooms.

Mr. Hall stated that the new address for the Regional Crime Laboratory will be 1800 Paseo Ranch Castilla.

Operations Working Group. Gregory Matheson, Assistant Director, Scientific Investigation Division, Los Angeles Police Department, reported that the main purpose of this group is to review the operating protocols between all agencies including the methodology of the daily cost and operations between the tenants.

CALIFORNIA FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Rose Ochi, Executive Director, California Forensic Science Institute, provided an overview of the Institute's mission and the formation of a foundation that will be funded by a \$750,000 federal grant. The foundation will have four objectives: (1) in service training; (2) equipment purchase of advanced technologies; (3) research and development; and (4) public education along with planning, coordination and resource needs. Other focal areas include:

- Legislative options allowing participation as a national resource network and establishing a regional forensic training site.
- The possibility of a joint doctoral program in homeland security/forensic service training with several local universities.
- Providing the California National Guard with technical assistance in securing forensic services training.
- Establishing a fellowship, internship, and an endowed chair for the advisory board.

Chairperson Fujioka recommended the Institute meet with the human resources departments of the Authority's agencies to discuss allowing Institute trainees to qualify for positions, create internship programs and revise entry level laboratory position requirements.

Director Baca recommended the Authority examine establishing a link with the County Health Department's biological laboratory and the Institute to establish an overlapping cooperative umbrella that would cover all forms of terrorism and crimes. One possible way to secure funding would be to request contributions from the biotech industries and establish a governing board under a §501(c) 3 to oversee Institute funding for this purpose.

Director Garcia stated that the University has a §501(c) 3 to secure funding for the University and that the Institute could work with their foundation to establish a similar vehicle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The next Joint Powers Authority meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2003 at the California State University, Los Angeles, Alhambra Rooms A and B, University Student Union, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032.